

11th March 2024



Week 4
Dinner Menu

CIPS Weekly Bulletin

World Book Day



This week on Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day. The pupils had a fantastic time enjoying being read to by lots of different people and engaging in many fun reading activities. They created a school story which was contributed to by every class. Everyone enjoyed the novelty of coming to school in their pyjamas and sharing their favourite book with their friends. Your child has been given a £1.00 book voucher which they will be able to use when purchasing a book. We

would like to thank Mrs McAloon for organising such a fun-filled and interesting World Book Day and for helping to foster a love of reading in all our pupils.



BBC Voice over

Our school, out of tens of thousands of schools in the UK, was selected to take part in a BBC voice over documentary for Earth Day. This will involve ten children from our school following in the steps of Sir David Attenborough. Only 5 schools in the whole of the UK were invited to take part in the project and we count it a privilege to take part in this exciting venture.

SATURDAY GARDENING CLUB



March 16 th	11.00am -1.00pm
April 13 th	11.00am -1.00pm
April 27 th	11.00am -1.00pm



Integration Breakfast

The month of March is Integration Month and we will be engaging in lots of activities to celebrate this important event in our Calendar.

As part of this month, we will be holding our Integration Breakfast on **Friday 15th March 2024 at 9:00am**.

This is where you will be invited to come to your child's Classroom for breakfast.

This year is slightly different than previous years in that we have obtained a grant, from the Belfast Charitable Trust, that will allow us to offer this for free to all parents and children. However, we still need to know how many we are catering for. Booking is now closed for these breakfasts and numbers have been submitted to the canteen.



Breakfast Club

In addition to our Integration Breakfast on 15th March, this grant, from the Belfast Charitable Society, also allows us to offer Breakfast Club for free during Integration Month.

So, whether you are a regular attender at our Breakfast Club or have never been before, you are welcome to attend this during the month of March for free. We would really encourage you to make use of this great opportunity.

All that we ask is that you ensure that you book for Breakfast Club on School Money from 4th to 29th March and this will also provide you with the opportunity to provide consent. The cost will be set to zero for each day to let you avail of this amazing opportunity.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am each morning but **all children must be in before 8.30am** to attend. Unfortunately, if you have not completed the online booking on School Money then they cannot attend as we need your consent.

In addition, this offer is only for children who want a breakfast and cannot be used as an early drop-off!



Governors' Day

As part of our integration celebration and to make it easier for parents, we will be holding a **Governors' Day event on Friday 15th March at 9.30am** to coincide with the Integration Breakfast.

This will allow parents time to attend the breakfast in the Classroom before making their way to the hall, to meet with Board of Governors. This is a very informal event where you will be able to chat over a cup of tea and a traybake. More importantly, it will give you a chance to meet our Governors. This event will run from **9.30 to approx. 10.20am**. You may stay for as long or as short a time as you like.



Free Pizza Fridays



We are able to offer free Pizza Friday lunches, supported by the Belfast Charitable Society, up until Easter except for the last day of term which is Friday 22nd as this is a 12-noon finish. However, we will offer the Free Pizza lunch on Thursday 21st that week.

When booking dinner for Pizza Friday, please choose "packed lunch" if you normally pay for dinners. This ensures that you will not be charged. On the Friday morning a member of office staff will go around each class and get the numbers for Free Pizza Friday.

2-3 Club

There will be no 2-3 Club running during the last week of school term -

(Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd).

Multi-skills and Good News clubs will run as normal during this week.





We are hoping to start a walking bus in partnership with Belfast Healthy Cities. The idea behind this is to encourage children to be able to walk to school rather than to be driven and thus cut down on congestion outside the school as well as improve health. However, this is reliant on parent volunteers. Volunteers would be provided with certification to work with children and would be

visible as part of the walking bus so that parents know who they are.

School Nurse

P1 children and pupils new to the school will have been given an envelope from the School Nurse. She will be visiting school from Thursday 14th March to check your child's sight and hearing. Please complete these forms as soon as possible and return to school by Wednesday 13th.



Finally...

We have had an exciting week in school, especially with all the celebrations for World Book Day! It's not very often you get to go to school in your pyjamas!



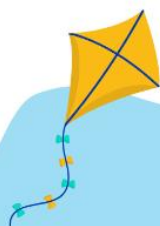
For those in our school community starting Ramadan - we wish you a blessed Ramadan.

Ramadan Mubarak

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend ahead as we are off for St Patrick's Day on Monday.



**DON'T FORGET THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE
CLOSED FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY ON
MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024.**



Walking Bus

Would your child like to walk to school?

A Walking Bus will be starting at Cliftonville this spring in partnership with Belfast Healthy Cities! It will provide your child with a chance to walk, chat and be outdoors! Please fill out this short survey to help us get the project started.

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